

there is a dull prospect for the next. I have been desirous to get a plantation in this vicinity on which to settle my hands or a part of them next year, but have not done so as yet, and the weather has been so unfavourable as not to allow one to go out to examine those offered.

Judge Bailey passed around our riding very pleasantly. We learn from very authentic sources that Judge Saunders is to be the V. B. Candidate for Governor. If so, I presume, that delicacy would compel him to vacate the bench. Morehead is diligently preparing ammunition and expects an actual Campaign through the State, though in this he will probably be governed by the course taken on the other side. Congress, I fear, will go near a dissolution of the Government at this session—if such it may be called; there seems no prospect of organizing the House at present.

I last night recd. a letter from Miller on his return from Harrisburg announcing Harrison and Tyler. We would, of course, have all much preferred Clay, but I hope will unite cordially in support of Harrison. His letter is written at the request of the N. C. delegation and urges that the nomination be at once adopted. Our friends here will be satisfied, & make a strong effort for him. My brother has always told me that Harrison was much stronger in the mountain district than Clay. And I am far from believing the chances in the State desperate. The calculation at Harrisburg elects him without any vote South of Potomac. Mr. Leigh declares that he, H., has no principle adverse to the South. He is in favour of Clay's land policy against abolition and the Subtreasury. I hope you will see our friend Moore and get him to take him up with zeal. Wadsworth of Craven was against him last Session; I presume he will not prefer V. B. to him, and that is now the question.

I recd. with deep sensations of sorrow the intelligence of the loss of your son,<sup>42</sup> and would have early offered the assurance of my sympathy, but that I knew you possessed sources of consolation far more assuaging to grief than any that I could afford.

My family is well & all join in tendering their best wishes.

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<sup>42</sup> John Washington Bryan, who died at the age of five years.